

## NEBRASKA 30, COLORADO 3

## Peak performance

## Nebraska-Colorado by the numbers

27

Margin of victory, Nebraska's largest vs. Colorado since a 52-7 win in Lincoln in 1992

3.5

Colorado yards per play

2.8

Colorado yards per play minus a 45-yard gain on first play from scrimmage

6

TD receptions by Nate Swift this season, most by a Husker since Gerald Armstrong (7) in 1992

42

Receptions by Nate Swift, third most in NU history and most by a Husker since Johnny Rodgers (55) in 1972

## Blackshirt dominance

After driving for a field goal on its first possession, the Colorado offense was held scoreless on its final 12 possessions:

Plays	Yrds	Time	Result
5	54	1:39	FG
7	35	1:51	Miss FG
3	9	1:27	Punt
3	-15	1:53	Punt
3	3	2:16	Punt
6	17	1:50	Punt
4	19	:24	INT
4	10	1:34	Punt
3	-4	2:18	Punt
6	7	1:35	Punt
6	14	2:02	Punt
3	-6	:31	Punt
11	57	2:02	—

— End of game



REBECCA S. GRATZ/THE WORLD-HERALD  
Nebraska quarterback Zac Taylor gained 16 yards on the ground against Colorado, but most of the time he let his arm do the talking, throwing for 392 yards and two touchdowns. "It's unbelievable," Taylor said of the Huskers' surprisingly easy win over the Buffs. "This is finally the game we've been waiting to play."

■ Behind the 392 passing yards of quarterback Zac Taylor, the Huskers hit on all cylinders and dismantle Colorado.

BY RICH KAIPUST  
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BOULDER, Colo. — The T-shirts advertised the message but they meant nothing without the delivery.

That came Friday with football so dominant you wouldn't have guessed which team was the two-touchdown favorite and budding Big 12 North champion and which team was apparently limping to the finish line.

"Restore the Order," the shirts read — almost pled — and for 3½ hours Nebraska fans could actually feel it was happening.

"After a while, enough is enough and you can only take so much," NU senior defensive lineman Titus Adams said. "You've got to do something about it or just give up. We did something about it."

Nebraska shoved a 30-3 victory down Colorado's throat Friday before a sellout crowd of 54,841 at Folsom Field. How's that for restoring order?

"Colorado's been talking about being at the top of the Big 12 now and taking everything away from Nebraska," NU quarterback Zac Taylor said. "We wanted to get this program back where it belongs, and it starts right here on Colorado's home."

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## More Huskers

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## Barnett loses contract clout

BOULDER, Colo. — If you were Colorado's athletic director, would you give football coach Gary Barnett a contract extension?

That question has to become part of the conversation after Nebraska hammered CU 30-3 on Friday in a game that proved the Vegas odds-makers wrong by 43 points.

With what was at stake (a Big 12 North title), where the game was played (Folsom Field, where CU was 5-0) and how the Buffaloes were motivated (by the annual rivalry talk), this is Barnett's biggest clunker in his seven years at the school.

"I did not see this coming in any way," he said. "It's dumbfounding. I don't know how it happened."



Lee Barfknecht

Getting blindsided couldn't have come at a worse time.

Barnett, with only two years left on his current contract, has been angling for an extension that would set the 59-year-old up for the rest of his career.

Having been acquainted with Barnett for 20 years, my guess is he expected to have accepted the Big 12 North trophy by now, and was preparing to walk into A.D. Mike Bohn's office at 9-2 with acceptable losses to Texas and Miami.

Now, Barnett's leverage may have vanished.

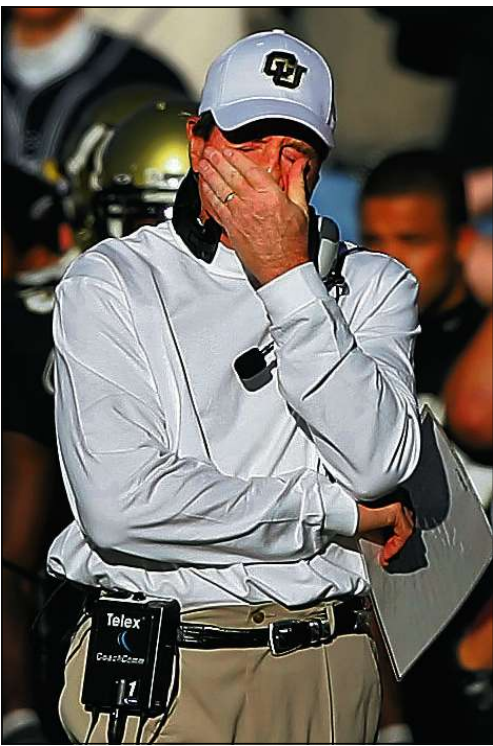
After back-to-back losses to Iowa State and Nebraska, Colorado is 7-4 and wobbling to the finish line.

Postgame comments from Colorado players aren't going to inspire much confidence in those drawing up contract papers.

"This is like a bad dream," defensive back Lorenzo Sims said. "Everything that could have gone wrong did, and there was nothing we could do to stop it."

Uh, guys, that was against a

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MATT MILLER/THE WORLD-HERALD  
Colorado coach Gary Barnett reacts to a personal foul call in the second quarter against CU's Alex Ligon, who knocked NU quarterback Zac Taylor to the ground after he called a timeout.

## Big 12 standings

NORTH	W-L	SOUTH	W-L
Colorado (7-4)	5-3	Texas (11-0)	8-0
Iowa State (7-3)	4-3	Texas Tech (9-2)	6-2
Nebraska (7-4)	4-4	Oklahoma (6-4)	5-2
Missouri (6-5)	4-4	Texas A&M (5-6)	3-5
Kansas (5-5)	2-5	Baylor (5-6)	2-6
Kansas State (5-6)	2-6	Oklahoma St. (4-6)	1-6

## Taylor shifts NU into higher gear

■ Even the option works against the bewildered Buffaloes defense.

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BOULDER, Colo. — Zac Taylor almost chuckled. The option?

Midway through the fourth quarter of Nebraska's 30-3 win over the Buffs Friday, on third-and-three, the Husker quarterback listened intently to Bill Callahan's play call.

"I was shocked," Taylor said. "We'd worked on it, but I'm not the best option guy. I was like, 'Oh well.' It was pretty much pitch from the get go. I wasn't planning on carrying that thing 30 yards."

It wasn't exactly Gill to Rozier, nor Frazier to Green. But like everything else the junior quarterback did Friday, it worked. Taylor sauntered left and pitched to Ross for a first down.

Nebraska's boisterous contingent of fans didn't know whether to laugh or cheer.

"We knew they were going to get a big kick out of that," Taylor said.



JEFF BEIERMANN/THE WORLD-HERALD

**One of Zac Taylor's biggest completions Friday was a 35-yard second-quarter pass to Frantz Hardy, who spun away from Gerett Burl to make an over-the-shoulder catch.**

Taylor and his fans will be chuckling all the way down the mountain after this win. He didn't set any school records Friday — he missed his single-game passing record by 39 yards. Won't crack any Heisman watch lists. But never has Taylor performed better in a Husker jersey.

Colorado defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz had studied Nebraska on tape before Friday. Taylor's accuracy impressed him.

"But he didn't do it all the time," Hankwitz said. "That was as well as I'd seen."

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## CREIGHTON BASKETBALL

A shoulder injury that dates back to high school is bothering Nate Funk, but Bluejay coach Dana Altman expects the senior guard to play in tonight's game against Dayton. **Page 9**

## NEBRASKA VOLLEYBALL



The Huskers head to Austin tonight seeking their fifth 20-0 Big 12 season in coach John Cook's six seasons. **Page 6**



## HORNS HOLD OFF A&amp;M

Texas will take an 11-0 record into the Big 12 Championship, but the Longhorns had to put in a full day's work in Friday's 40-29 victory over Danny Gorrer and Texas A&M. **Page 2**